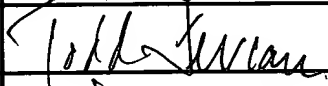

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The Office Action from mailed on December 8, 2003 (Paper No. 7), has been received and reviewed. Applicant provides the following amendments and remarks in response.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, delete lines 2-4

**IN THE CLAIMS**

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**REMARKS**

By the Office Action mailed on December 8, 2003, the Examiner has requested the deletion of the "Cross-reference to related Application" section in lines 2-4 on page 1 of the specification.

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